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SUBJECT: REPORTED DEPORTATION OF JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA) SUSPECT
TO NORTH KOREA

1. DECEMBER 27 SANKEI HEADLINED STORY THAT SUSPECTED
JRA MEMBER TAKAMARO TAMIYA HAD RECENTLY BEEN ARRESTED
AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT AND PROMPTLY DEPORTED
TO NORTH KOREA VIA DENMARK. TAMIYA HAD BEEN MEMBER
OF EARLY JRA GROUP WHICH HAD HIJACKED JAPANESE AIRLINER
TO NORTH KOREA IN 1970, WHERE THEY WERE THOUGHT TO
HAVE REMAINED SINCE THEN. ACCORDING TO SANKEI, TAMIYA
HAD BEEN PICKED UP CARRYING FORGED JAPANESE PASSPORT
ON HIS ARRIVAL FROM COPENHAGEN. BRITISH
AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY RETURNED HIM TO DENMARK, WHERE
DANISH GOVERNMENT IN TURN SENT HIM BACK TO NORTH KOREA.
SANKEI STORY HAS BEEN REPEATED BY AP.

2. FONOFF CONSULAR OFFICIALS WERE SOMEWHAT
PERPLEXED BY SANKEI STORY. THEY ASSUMED UK OR
DENMARK WOULD INFORM GOJ IN EVENT OF ANY SUCH ARREST
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BUT AS OF DECEMBER 28 FONOFF HAD NOT YET RECEIVED
ANY INFORMATION ON INCIDENT FROM EITHER LONDON
OR COPENHAGEN. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY SUSPECTED
SANKEI, WHICH HAS HISTORY OF PLAYING UP JRA
RELATED STORIES, HAD INCORRECT INFORMATION. LOCAL
UK FONO SUGGESTED THAT SANKEI HAD BASED STROY ON

RECENT APPREHENSION AND SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO PYONGYANG
THROUGH DENMARK OF NORTH KOREAN SEIZED IN UK WITH TWO
FORGED JAPANESE PASSPORTS.
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